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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/552,834

Examiner

Hargobind S Sawhney

Applicant(s)

YOUNKER, CLAYTON R.

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 8/8/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 07 August 2001, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

1. The amendment filed on August 8, 2001 and proposed drawing amendment filed on August 7, 2001 have been entered. Accordingly,
 - New claims 11-18 have been added;
 - Claims 1-10 have been amended; and
 - Specification has been revised.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-18 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The light assembly decorating kit disclosed by the applicant generally comprises the following features:

- An elongated light assembly having top wall, a pair of ends and a pair of fluorescent bulbs;
- The light assembly being hanged from the ceiling with a pair of cables each coupled adjacent to an opposite end of the top wall and extending through one of the opening;
- The light assembly further having an open bottom side;
- The light assembly being substantially transparent and made of plastic material; and

- The light assembly being coupled to a power source.

The above-indicated light assembly decorating kit disclosed by the applicant is known in the art. However, the prior art of record fails to show or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose proper motivation for combining the following features:

- An elongated light assembly having comprising a light housing (light shade) shaped generally resembling a car as recited in claims 1,10 and 11;
- The light housing positioned between the ceiling and light assembly as recited in claims 1,10 and 11;
- A plurality of accessories for decorating an exterior surface of the light housing as recited in claims 1,10 and 11.

The combination of the above-indicated features including "a light housing (light shade) shaped generally resembling a car" makes this disclosure unique.

Neither combined nor individual teachings of Lewis et al. (US Patent No. Des 308,113), Davidson et al. (US Patent No. 3,917,264), Van De Kop et al. (US Patent No. 4,882,676) teaches the features claimed by the applicant.

Claims 2-9 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed base claim 1.

Claims 12-18 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed base claim 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S, Sawhney whose telephone number is 703-306-5909. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 5:15.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 703-305-4939. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7724 for regular communications and 703-308-8303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2956.

HSS

8/24/2001


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PRIMARY EXAMINER**